

House Resolution 130

By: Representatives Carter of the 175th, Taylor of the 173rd, Powell of the 171st, Shaw of the 176th, and Watson of the 172nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the YMCAs of Georgia for the important work they do in
2 communities across this state promoting a healthy spirit, mind, and body; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the YMCAs of Georgia, through the Georgia Alliance of YMCAs, work
5 collectively to increase their ability to build stronger children, families, and communities;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, through state-wide communication and cooperation, the Georgia Alliance of
8 YMCAs assists member associations in their work to provide educational and healthful
9 programming for children, adults, families, and seniors; and

10 WHEREAS, the Alliance strives to educate and engage state policy and decision makers on
11 the YMCA's mission, history, and programs, helping to position the member associations as
12 leading community resources on the topics of early childhood education, health, and
13 wellness; and

14 WHEREAS, the Alliance works to establish partnerships and relationships here in Georgia
15 and with this state's congressional representatives in Washington, D.C., during the group's
16 National Advocacy Day; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Alliance of YMCAs and its member associations offer support,
18 educational and staff development, advocacy updates, grant opportunities, and so much
19 more, playing a vital role and often the lifeline for their communities in this state; and

20 WHEREAS, the Georgia Alliance of YMCAs is composed up of 17 YMCA associations
21 with over 75 facilities throughout this state, including: Albany YMCA; Athens YMCA;
22 Metropolitan Augusta YMCA; Bainbridge-Decatur County YMCA; YMCA of Coastal
23 Georgia; YMCA of Metro Atlanta; Metropolitan Columbus YMCA; Georgia Mountains

24 YMCA; Moultrie YMCA; Rome-Floyd County YMCA; State YMCA of Georgia;
25 Thomasville YMCA and Youth Center; Tift Area YMCA; Valdosta-Lowndes County
26 YMCA; YMCAs of Waycross; YMCA of the Georgia Piedmont; and the West Broad Street
27 YMCA; and

28 WHEREAS, the Georgia Alliance of YMCAs will host its annual State Advocacy Day on
29 February 2, 2017, in the historic halls of the Georgia State Capitol, so that all associations,
30 staff, volunteers, and partners may have the opportunity to meet their local representatives.
31 In addition, all are invited to participate in the U.S. Surgeon General's initiative, Step It Up!,
32 by taking a brisk walk around the Capitol with the YMCA staff to bring awareness to the
33 Surgeon General's call to action of making communities healthier.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognize and commend the YMCAs for years of bringing
36 children, adults, families, and seniors together with state and local partners so that they may
37 continue making a positive impact in communities across the state of Georgia.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available to the Georgia Alliance
40 of YMCAs.